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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge the Congress of the United States to take 1  
action on the federal Workforce Investment Act to 2  
allow states greater flexibility to address 3  
current economic realities. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Ohio's unemployment rate was 8.5 per cent in 5  
November 2011 according to data released by the Ohio Department of 6  
Job and Family Services; and 7

WHEREAS, The federal "Workforce Investment Act of 1998," 112 8  
Stat. 936, was enacted in 1998, a period of healthy economic 9  
growth, and was intended to be reauthorized every five years; and 10

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has not 11  
reauthorized the Workforce Investment Act since its original 12  
enactment in 1998; and 13

WHEREAS, The mandates of the Workforce Investment Act result 14  
in the duplication of effort throughout the workforce development 15  
system; and 16

WHEREAS, Ohio needs a unified system to create, collect, and report strategic performance metrics of workforce development efforts and needs more flexibility in establishing criteria for eligibility of workforce development programs; and

WHEREAS, Ohio needs the flexibility to increase and strengthen partnerships between employers and workforce development programs to make programs more responsive to employer demand and the current job market; and

WHEREAS, The current employment and training system under the Workforce Investment Act does not reflect the economic realities of the day and does not allow Ohio to adequately respond to employer demand and a changing marketplace; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to reauthorize and modernize the Workforce Investment Act by making it more flexible and responsive to employer demand; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Labor, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and to the news media of Ohio.